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Dr. Bob Hillman, State Veterinarian
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Via Email: bhillman@tahc.state.tx.us

Dear Dr. Hillman:

I am pleased to notify you that effective today livestock, wild and exotic animals originating from Texas will now be accepted for entry into Kentucky. Our removal of Texas from the list of embargoed states is based on information received from your office and the USDA's Veterinary Service that Texas is no longer experiencing active cases of *Vesicular Stomatitis*; and there are no premises currently under quarantine as a result of past infection. In addition, our conversations with your office during the recent past indicate there are no premises being investigated for infection that are described as probable based on clinical findings.

With the removal of Texas from the list of VS affected states – Arkansas and Louisiana are no longer considered 'Bordering States' nor required to meet the additional requirements for entry found in our Administrative Regulation 302KAR20:115 dealing with VS. However, with the common border Texas has with New Mexico, our regulations will require the following for animals entering Kentucky from Texas:

Be examined during the five (5) day period prior to the animal's arrival in Kentucky with a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection completed by the examining veterinarian. The certificate shall have the following statement included: "Animals represented on this certificate of veterinary inspection have not originated from a premise or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis or a state in which vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed in the past thirty (30) days.

Equine entering Kentucky from a state which has a common border with affected states shall be accompanied upon their entry into Kentucky with a **negative test for VSV**. The sampling shall be conducted during the ten (10) day period prior to the animal's entry into Kentucky. Any of the three USDA approved test meets this testing requirement.

States which are sending equine into Kentucky that are required to be accompanied with a negative Vesicular Stomatitis test are Arizona, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stout".

Robert Stout
State Veterinarian

Cc: Richie Farmer, Commissioner of Agriculture
Dr. Max Coats, Deputy Director TAHC